

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 357

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

ECONOMIC DEVELOP/DEPT: Urges and requests Louisiana Economic Development to consider certain eligibility requirements for companies applying for the High Impact Jobs Program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request Louisiana Economic Development to consider certain eligibility
3 requirements for companies applying for the High Impact Jobs Program.

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana is constantly developing ways to welcome new businesses
5 to the state; and

6 WHEREAS, Louisiana Economic Development (LED) is the cabinet-level state
7 agency responsible for strengthening Louisiana's business environment, attracting new
8 companies, and supporting existing business growth; and

9 WHEREAS, in the 2025 Regular Session, the Legislature of Louisiana enacted Act
10 No. 372, which created the High Impact Jobs Program (program); and

11 WHEREAS, the program provides incentives to encourage companies to create jobs
12 that pay above the parish average wage and offer a basic health benefits plan if they meet
13 certain criteria and are approved by the secretary of LED; and

14 WHEREAS, the incentives listed in the program include:

15 (1) A reimbursable grant of a percentage of annualized wages paid for qualifying
16 jobs, not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars per year, per job, based upon the parish
17 average wage paid where the project site is located at the time the incentive contract is
18 executed, subject to certain conditions.

19 (2) A reimbursable grant to retain highly skilled workers with advanced degrees, as
20 approved by the secretary in accordance with program rules.

1 WHEREAS, Act No. 372 also provides which companies are ineligible for the
2 program; and

3 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 381 of the 2026 Regular Session by Representative
4 Jordan would have added that a company that has twenty percent or more of Louisiana
5 employees who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) shall
6 be ineligible for participation in the program; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the Louisiana Department of Health April 2026 data, the
8 number of people below one hundred twenty-five percent of the poverty level who qualify
9 for SNAP in Louisiana is over one million; and

10 WHEREAS, Act No. 372 gives LED staff the ability to determine if a grant would
11 be in the best interest of the state; and

12 WHEREAS, with almost one fourth of Louisianans being eligible for SNAP benefits,
13 LED should consider whether companies receiving incentives from the state are best
14 supporting Louisianans.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request Louisiana Economic Development
17 to consider certain eligibility requirements for companies applying for the High Impact Jobs
18 Program.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 secretary of Louisiana Economic Development.

DIGEST

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